Credenza, it's me, Paollo..
Paollo? Why do you have wings? And did your clothes change? You look... strange.
There isn't time for that now, you MUST listen to me!
Raven is going after the heirs, all six of them! He's going to unlock the seal!
What? What are you talking about, what heirs?
Darnit, what's the point of being omniscient when no one else is?
Is Raven trying to do this? What's up?
Look, just take this, it will help.
What is it?
It's a soul key, from the realm of dreams. It can open no door in the mortal realm.
But it can open the door to a person's magical aura.
I am sorry but I can tell you no more, the dream world is already sending us back.
Can't you tell me more later?
I would, but I won't be able to remember any of this in our world.

Good, he seems to be coming around...
Okay, Paolo, how many fingers am I holding up?
Look! Stars!
Close enough.
This isn't unusual at all. His entire family's done it.
Sometimes he needs a bucket of cold water to snap him out of it.
Speaking of which, could you watch him while I get one?
I'm soooo pretty.
Just keep him from putting stuff in his mouth.
I'm probably crazy, but I think I should listen to you.
I am the walrus.
Or, the smarter you at least. I get the feeling I should have stayed in bed this morning.
Wait a minute, it's turned red. Does that mean...
Raven!

Uhnnn...

You're coming with me!

Oof! He's not going anywhere!

AIEEE!
SLAM!

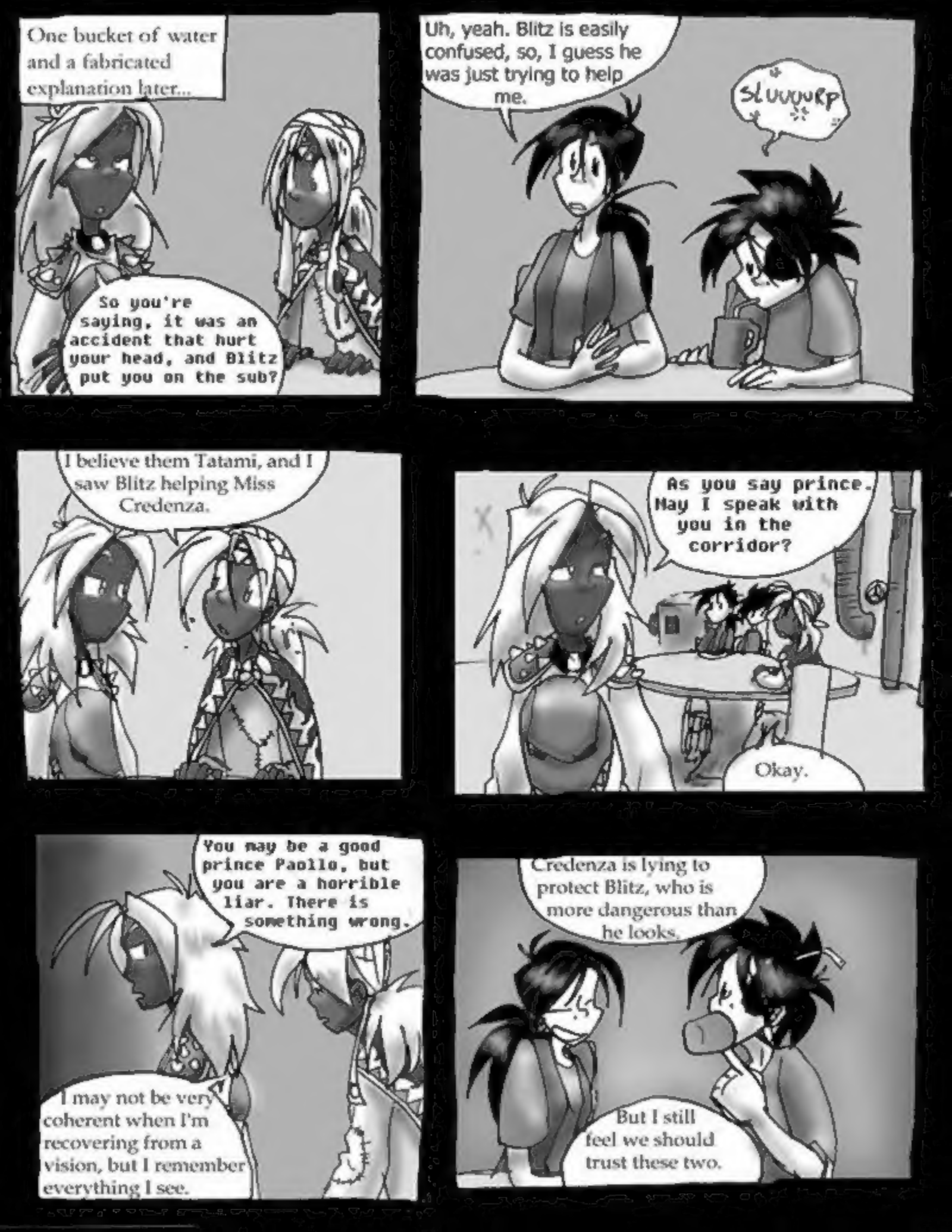
STAY OUT OF THIS!

ERGGG!
SHOVE!

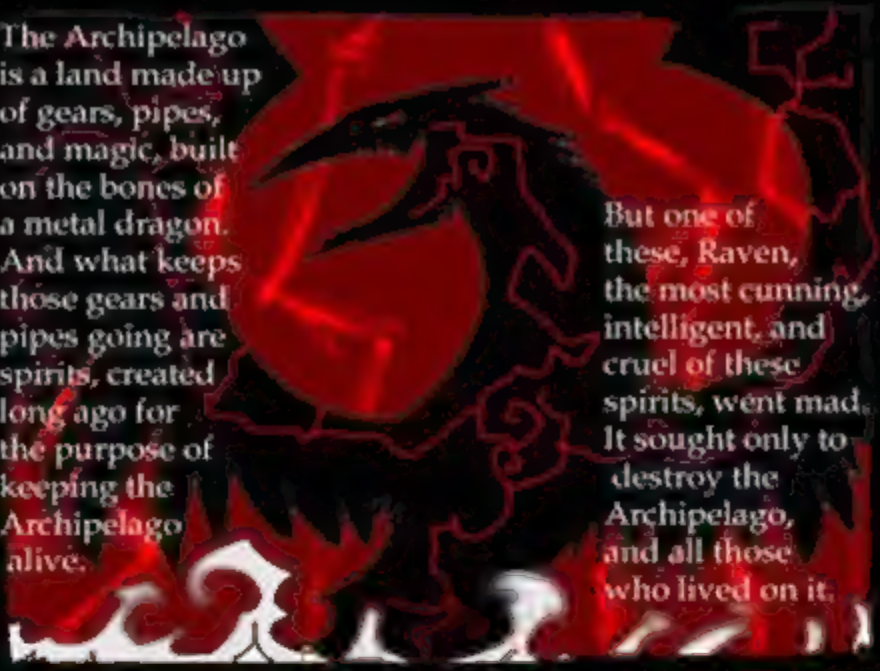
STOP TRYING TO KILL MY FRIENDS!
OW! OW! STOP THAT!
SMASH!
OOF!
I have lived in many bodies, and I have killed many people little girl.
Give me one reason I shouldn't kill you too.
You know what? I can't. You have no reason to let me live.
So tell me why you haven't killed me yet.
.... !.....
I can't.

Wha?
Vzzzzzzzz
The soulkey?
What?
What... what are you doing to me!?
AAAUUUGGGH!
HRK!
THUNK!

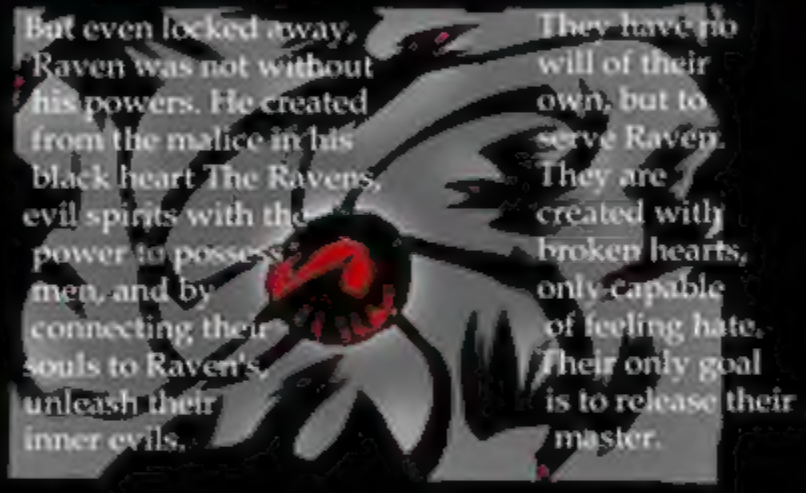
AAAAAAAAAAAAIEEee..
Blink
Blink
It never bodes well when you wake up in a strange place with people staring at you.
Blitz... is Raven gone? Did I kill him?
I don't think so. I still feel him in my head...
But?
But it almost feels like he's in pain. He wanted to take the prince. He wanted something the prince has, or something he can do.
But then you did something to him. He's angry and scared, and therefore dangerous.
I think something awful would have happened to Paollo if you hadn't been here.
But why would he want the prince?
Unhand the lady, foul brute!
Yay! Group hug!
Good morning Paollo.


One bucket of water and a fabricated explanation later...
So you're saying, it was an accident that hurt your head, and Blitz put you on the sub?
Uh, yeah. Blitz is easily confused, so, I guess he was just trying to help me.
Sluuuurp
I believe them Tatami, and I saw Blitz helping Miss Credenza.
As you say prince. May I speak with you in the corridor?
Okay.
You may be a good prince Paolo, but you are a horrible liar. There is something wrong.
I may not be very coherent when I'm recovering from a vision, but I remember everything I see.
Credenza is lying to protect Blitz, who is more dangerous than he looks.
But I still feel we should trust these two.

Do you recall that old Archipelago folk tale? "The Raven."
It was very long, but it was always the ending that made me think.
Vaguely. What are you getting at?


The Archipelago is a land made up of gears, pipes, and magic, built on the bones of a metal dragon. And what keeps those gears and pipes going are spirits, created long ago for the purpose of keeping the Archipelago alive.
But one of these, Raven, the most cunning, intelligent, and cruel of these spirits, went mad. It sought only to destroy the Archipelago, and all those who lived on it.

Very long story short, six souls were used to empower a key that locked Raven away, deep in the heart of the Archipelago. Raven is said to still be imprisoned there, to this day.


But even locked away, Raven was not without his powers. He created from the malice in his black heart The Ravens, evil spirits with the power to possess men, and by connecting their souls to Raven's, unleash their inner evils.
They have no will of their own, but to serve Raven. They are created with broken hearts, only capable of feeling hate. Their only goal is to release their master.

And that's where the story ends. Do you have a point?
I believe... we may be playing host to one of these Ravens.

Are you saying that one of them is possessed?
I believe Blitz is. I think he's possessed by *something* in any case.

AND YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT?!
Yes!

Elsewhere...
My point is, Tusura totally digs me. I think it's my *exotic looks* y'know? Girls like cute foreign looking guys.
I don't think that scratching your forehead with your tongue counts as "exotic."
T'lick
Awwww, you're just jealous.
Seriously, it's all in the way you move. You just *walk* everywhere like a regular guy, but I walk with... hello, what's this?
There's another submarine, Piranah model by the looks of it. Haven't seen one of those in ages.
Hmmmmmmmmmm
Well, no matter. I'm late for my chess game with Gozazi, so-
Wait a minute...
It's turning towards us.

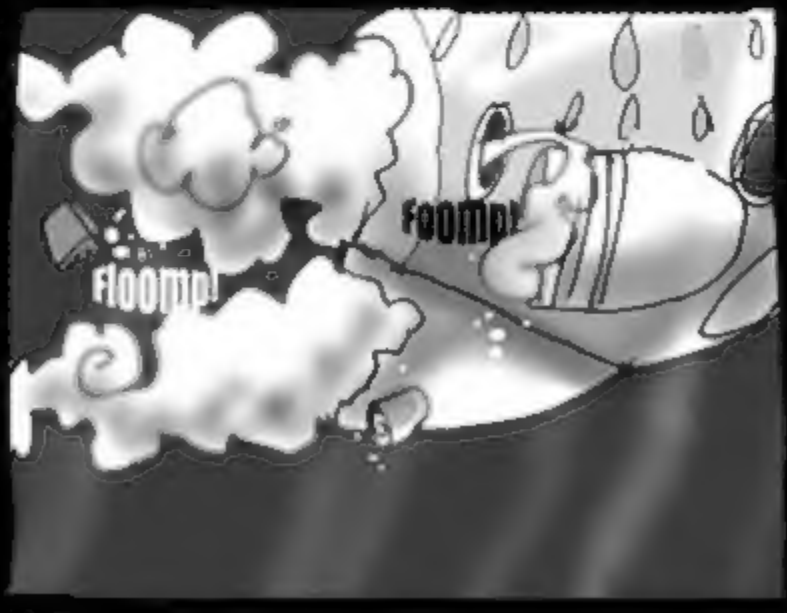
Tatami! We've got a problem!
Zatachi, what is it?

There's this sub on our tail and I can't shake it! I think it might be pirates!

We've tried every peaceful manuever we can think of, but they don't work!
Vmmmmmm

Vamuro's getting strapped into the fighting cockpit.
click
snap

WOOOSSH!
PHFSSHH!
ka-klunk
Let's see how you chase us when you can't even see us.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